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## **West Oakland Community Action Plan**

### **Steering Committee Meeting #6**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

West Oakland Senior Center: 1724 Adeline Street Oakland, CA 94607

### **Meeting Objectives**

- Summarize Steering Committee's ("SC") wisdom from January's exercise. The SC's proposed strategies have been incorporated into today's exercise.
- Introduce the SC to a new way to look at issues by geographic impact zones.
- Identify solutions to specific neighborhoods based on the Environmental Defense Fund's Story Maps.
- Outline next steps.

### **Meeting Summary**

1. Welcome message and brief intros from facilitators, Marybelle Tobias & Anuja Mendiratta.
2. Summary of January Meeting (Alison Kirk, BAAQMD). Alison summarized outcomes from the January Steering Committee's work identifying strategies for inclusion in the West Oakland plan, as well as gaps in existing and proposed plans that affect West Oakland.
  - a. Strategies proposed by the Steering Committee included: increased enforcement, such as location-specific enforcement in community-identified areas, increased coordination between agencies such as the Port, Oakland Police & Parking, Caltrans and CARB
  - b. The Steering Committee also identified gaps in existing and proposed plans, including a lack of methods to measure and track progress or to prioritize projects for implementation.
3. Progress Benchmarks & Next Steps (Brian Beveridge (WOEIP). Brian provided a detailed overview of the Steering Committee's progress to date, key benchmarks and next steps, including the scheduling of an additional working meeting on March 11, 2019 to allow Steering Committee members to dig deeper into maps, data and strategies.
4. Briefing on "Geographic Impact Zones" (Brian Beveridge, WOEIP). Brian introduced the Steering Committee to "story maps" as a way to deepen the SC's understanding of the areas where there are the highest impacts from air pollution.
  - a. Each map identifies a different problem context, telling a specific 'story' about high impact areas.

- b. High impacts are attributed to high emissions of pollutants, such as black carbon, and high population densities or sensitive populations, such as children and the elderly.
  - c. Brian also emphasized the value of strategies that are effective to fix issues in the highest impact zones: if the strategy is effective in the highest impact areas, we know we can apply it to all of the neighborhoods in West Oakland.
- 5. Story Maps (Fern Uennatornwarangoon, EDF). Fern gave in-depth overview of the Impact Zones. Each impact zone highlights an area that is (a) high in three pollutants: Black Carbon, Nitrogen Dioxide and Nitric Oxide (diesel) and (b) near a residential area, focusing on sensitive populations, such as children and the elderly.
- 6. Introduction to Impact Zone Exercise (Azibuike Akaba, BAAQMD). Azibuike explained that each small group will: (1) review strategies (both proposed by the Steering Committee or in existing and proposed plans) and (2) apply a set of those strategies or propose new ones to (3) identify comprehensive and effective tools for addressing the problem areas in each Impact Zone.
- 7. Impact Zone Exercise. Steering Committee divided into five small working groups to discuss five designated zones: neighborhoods in West Oakland.
- 8. Wrap-up + Other Items/Next steps. Committee members shared a few takeaways from the exercise, including a desire for more detail on pollutants, sources and strategies.
  - a. Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2019
  - b. Special Working Meeting Date: March 11, 2019 -- Full three hours of work from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
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